

Sakura no Seibo High School English Department Newsletter

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Thanks for the Memories: A Farewell from Heather



Dear English Department Students,

I just want to say thank you to everybody who helped me so much during my last ten months here in Japan. I really appreciate your kindness and patience. I feel I was privileged to be a member of the 3-1 class. You guys were great! I also feel fortunate to have been able to participate in the Volleyball Club and the Tea Ceremony Club.

Part of me looks forward to returning home and seeing my family and friends, but a bigger part of me really wants to stay here at Sakura no Seibo. Thank you all for the great memories and fun times. I will never forget you. Let's keep in touch. Thanks again and take care.

-Heather Gold

First Year Voices

The 1-1 class has now been with the English Department for one term. They have all been getting accustomed to their new school life. Here are a few comments that first-year students wanted to share with us:

We practice making speeches in English, singing songs in English..... I think my English level will improve!
A.O.

There aren't a large number of students, so we feel close to each. There are many chances to learn from native teachers, too. They do things like prepare us for the STEP Test, so I think it's a good environment for those who really want to learn English.

Y.K.

Since I was little, I have always liked English. That's why I decided to enter the English Department at Sakura no Seibo High School. In the English Department we are exposed to a lot of English. From the native teachers, to the atmosphere of our classroom, we can really feel English in a lot of places. If you are interested in English, this is a good place for you.

M.F.

Of course the English Department has more exposure to English than other classes, as we can hear "real" English every day. I thought that I wanted to improve my pronunciation, and I could focus more on English study thanks to this course. I like English and cultural studies, so I was able to find people who liked the same things. I'm happy to have entered this course.

M.O.

Fukushima Prefecture English Skit Contest



The Fukushima English Skit Contest will be held on July 21st at the Fukushima Prefectural Library. Two teams from 2-1 were selected from among twenty-seven teams that applied. The students wrote their own original scenarios, practiced hard, and made a video tape of their skits.

"Fukushima Idol", a satire of a popular television program, was written and performed by Yu Takagi, Natsumi Sekine, and Kaori Nikaido. *"A Lesson in Love"*, a short comedy about romantic advice, was written and performed by Nana Sato, Akie Sato, and Maho Honta.

Congratulations! We will all be cheering for you on July 21st!

Okasai Preview 2010

English Department Students are beginning to prepare for Seibo's annual school festival, the Okasai. It is certain to be a very dynamic and unique event. The students of 3-1 are planning to make a shop selling traditional Japanese *taiyaki* sweets. Yummy!..... Second year English Department students are creating an international-themed exhibit showing the different types of clothing and food of various countries around the world. And students in 1-1 will be performing their original version of "*Alice in Wonderland*" for our guests. Tell all your friends to come and enjoy this year's fantastic school festival!

Message from Madeline Williams

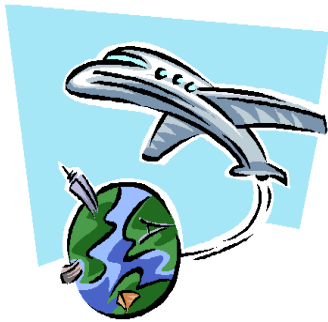
Hello everyone,

My name is Madeline and I am from Australia. I will be staying here in Japan for 10 months. My hobbies are listening to music and playing the violin. I am enjoying my time in Japan. I think Japanese culture is very interesting. Also, I love Japanese food. It is very different to Australian food. Thank you for having me at Sakura no Seibo. I am having a wonderful time. I think I have become accustomed to the Seibo school life. I am very happy to be here.

-Maddie Williams



Heading Out!



Again this fall, members of the English Department will be heading abroad to study and learn in a new culture. Ms. Yu Takagi will be going to Canada for a year. And Ms. Wakana Yoshida will be heading for the United States.

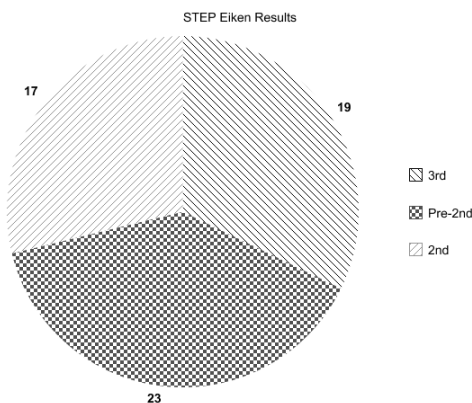
"I'm going to the province of Alberta in Canada for about 10 months. I realize that I would not have been able to pursue this study abroad program without the cooperation of many people. So I want to express my thankful heart to everyone who has helped me. I hope to spend an enriching time in Canada. Thank you everyone!"

-Yu Takagi

Our New International Classmates

In September, the English Department will be welcoming two new exchange students from abroad! Sixteen year-old *Ms. Sigrid Hoff* will be coming to us from Denmark. Fifteen year-old Rotary International exchange student *Ms. Ena Aguilar* will join us from the United States. Both girls will be having home stays and studying here for about a year. They are eager to learn about Japan and Japanese culture and to make lots of new friends. Let's give them our warmest greetings and enjoy true international communication every day!

Latest Results



	STEP Test	2	Pre-2	面接合格
3 rd Year (19)		14	5	100%
2 nd Year (24)		3	16	100%
1 st Year (16)		0	2	100%